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## **Columbus Fleet Division Earns Fourth Straight National ASE Blue Seal**



For the fourth year in a row, the City of Columbus Division of Fleet Management has been notified that it has received the top level of certification from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, ASE Blue Seal. Only three other major cities in America have that level of certification. The City of Columbus remains the largest Blue Seal municipality in the USA and ranks among the elite in Fleet recognition.

**“Our Division of Fleet Management continues to train, test and receive industry recognition in the nation,” Mayor Coleman said. “We are proud to be the biggest city in the United States to earn the ASE Blue Seal certification for another year.”**

The City of Columbus manages more than 3,950 cars, trucks, patrol cruisers and fire trucks, and more than 2,000 off-road vehicles. Under Mayor Coleman’s leadership, there are now 46 Master Certified Technicians with more than 83 percent of all technicians holding at least one ASE and there are 33 employees holding 89 EVT Certifications, with 7 Master Fire Apparatus Technicians certifications from the nationally recognized Emergency Vehicle Technician Commission.

**“The City of Columbus is committed to investing in its employees in an effort to reduce expenses and enhance employee retention for all employees”, said Director Paul Rakosky, Director of the Finance & Management Department. “It is important for our residents to know that the men and women in fleet management are a highly trained, nationally recognized group of people who do a tremendous job every day to maintain the investment we have in our equipment.”**

The Blue Seal certification means Columbus technicians on the floor are better educated, better trained, more diversified and more knowledgeable in diagnostics related to fire apparatus, articulated loaders, street equipment, patrol cruisers, light duty vehicles and other specialized equipment. By continued education and the renewal of the ASE Blue Seal Certification for the Fleet Division, this results in lower maintenance costs and better service for all city agencies in relation to vehicle and equipment repairs.